

MINUTES SOMERS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NOVEMBER 8, 2022

ATTENDEES: Dave Hayes, Rick Kinkel, Dan Vachal, Cardi Chmielewski, and Beth Dotson

STAFF ATTENDEES: Tom Havens, RT Kienas, Amber Kienas

VISITORS:

ABSENT: Chelsey Spence

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by Dave Hayes.

Rick Kinkel motioned to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2022 Board Meeting. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Dan Vachal motioned to approve November 8, 2022 bills for 7202 in the amount of \$11,219.76. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

There were no bills to approve for 7265.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Montana State Fund Reimbursement - Rick Kinkel motioned to transfer the Montana State Fund Reimbursement of \$346.07 to the Volunteer General Fund. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Credit Card – The credit cards issued under Bill Brass have been closed/cancelled. Received new cards – one issued to Dave Hayes as Board Chairman of the Fire District and one to the Somers Rural Fire District.

OLD BUSINESS

Land Purchase – New property lines have been recorded at the county. Transfer is complete.

Irrigation System – Anticipate two quotes for installing irrigation system in the spring. Need to identify where meter will go.

Laser Lights – Lights have been received; will have an electrician install.

Boiler Certification – Awaiting certificate.

Copier - looking at purchasing a new copier.

Road to Training Site – Needs to be a little wider to accommodate turning trucks around. Will find out price for two more loads of fill. Still pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Power Line Calls – May need to man hall during storms that generate a lot of power outages. Will consider options.

Death and Dismemberment Insurance – Compared quotes from VFIS (Paynewest) and Compass. VFIS provides better coverage and rate is cheaper. Dan Vachal made a motion to go with VFIS. Card Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried. Account will be prorated and set up to match other insurance coverage.

Truck 533 Engine – Engine failed. Rick Kinkel motioned to approve purchase of a new engine at a cost not to exceed \$34,000. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried. A new engine has been ordered; anticipate arrival middle of November.

UTV for Snow Plowing – UTV will be used for snow plowing aprons and sidewalks. Will price a cab to install to protect operator in the cold.

Tires – Truck 532 needs new snow tires on the front. Rick Kinkel motioned to purchase two (2) new tires at a cost of \$1700. Card Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Sirens – Have been ordered.

Miscellaneous

Executive Auto has a 2013 diesel F550 Crew Cab Wildland Fire Truck priced at \$38,500. RT Kienas will research.

FIRE CHIEF'S UPDATE

Calls - 235 calls to date for 2022. Board discussed billing customers after three (3) false calls in one year.

Donations - Association is donating two (2) TNT battery-operated combination tools including extra batteries and chargers (\$21,550), a Stokes basket (\$800), and three (3) ice rescue suits (\$6500).

Rick Kinkel motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:09. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Beth Dotson
SRFD Secretary